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**Amendments to the Claims:**

A listing of the entire set of pending claims (including amendments to the claims, if any) is submitted herewith per 37 CFR 1.121. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1-26. (Canceled)

27-30. (Not entered)

31. (Currently amended) A method of subsidizing a transportation system, comprising:  
collecting a fare and granting access to the transportation system via a use of a transportation pass, the transportation pass comprising means for communicating being configured to communicate electronic information to an authorization device to collect the fare and grant the access based on collecting the fare,  
accumulating information related to each access of a plurality of accesses to the transportation system, corresponding to a use of a plurality of transportation passes, generating statistical reports based on the information that is accumulated, and selling some or all of the statistical reports to subsidize the transportation system.

32. (Previously presented) The method of claim 31, further including  
accumulating additional information related to each egress from the transportation system, and  
wherein  
the statistical reports are also based on the additional information.

33. (Previously presented) The method of claim 31, further including  
associating user profiles to some or all of the plurality of transportation passes, and  
wherein  
the statistical reports are also based on the user profiles.

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34. (Previously presented) The method of claim 33, further including  
providing incentives to users who use transportation passes having associated user  
profiles.

35. (Previously presented) The method of claim 31, wherein  
selling the statistical reports includes selling the statistical reports to commercial  
entities to facilitate demographic profiling.

36. (Previously presented) The method of claim 31, wherein  
the statistical reports include at least one of:  
a number of accesses during a time interval,  
an average number of accesses per unit time,  
a distribution of accesses over time, and  
a distribution of accesses over geographic location.

37. (Previously presented) The method of claim 32, wherein  
the statistical reports include at least one of:  
a number of egresses during a time interval,  
an average number of egresses per unit time,  
a distribution of egresses over time, and  
a distribution of egresses over geographic location.

38. (Previously presented) The method of claim 31, wherein  
each access is associated with a geographic location, and  
the statistical reports are also based on the geographic location of each access.

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39. (Previously presented) The method of claim 38, wherein  
selling the statistical reports includes selling the statistical reports to commercial concerns at select geographic regions corresponding to one or more of the geographic locations of the plurality of accesses.

40. (Previously presented) The method of claim 32, wherein  
each egress is associated with a geographic location, and  
the statistical reports are also based on the geographic location of each egress.

41. (Previously presented) The method of claim 40, wherein  
selling the statistical reports includes selling the statistical reports to commercial concerns at select geographic regions corresponding to one or more of the geographic locations of the plurality of egresses.

42. (Currently amended) A method of managing a transportation system, comprising:  
collecting a fare and granting access to the transportation system via a use of a transportation pass, the transportation pass comprising means for communicating being configured to communicate electronic information to an authorization device to collect the fare and grant the access based on collecting the fare,  
accumulating information related to each access of a plurality of accesses to the transportation system, corresponding to a use of a plurality of transportation passes,  
generating statistical reports based on the information that is accumulated, and  
managing the transportation system based at least in part on the statistical reports.

43. (Previously presented) The method of claim 42, further including  
accumulating additional information related to each egress from the transportation system, and  
wherein  
the statistical reports are also based on the additional information.

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44. (Previously presented) The method of claim 42, further including  
associating user profiles to some or all of the plurality of transportation passes, and  
wherein  
the statistical reports are also based on the user profiles.
45. (Previously presented) The method of claim 44, further including  
providing incentives to users who use transportation passes having associated user  
profiles.
46. (Previously presented) The method of claim 42, wherein  
the statistical reports include at least one of:  
a number of accesses during a time interval,  
an average number of accesses per unit time,  
a distribution of accesses over time, and  
a distribution of accesses over geographic location.
47. (Previously presented) The method of claim 43, wherein  
the statistical reports include at least one of:  
a number of egresses during a time interval,  
an average number of egresses per unit time,  
a distribution of egresses over time, and  
a distribution of egresses over geographic location.
48. (Previously presented) The method of claim 42, wherein  
each access is associated with a geographic location, and  
the statistical reports are also based on the geographic location of each access.
49. (Previously presented) The method of claim 43, wherein  
each egress is associated with a geographic location, and  
the statistical reports are also based on the geographic location of each egress.

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50. (Previously presented) The method of claim 43, wherein  
managing the transportation system includes  
determining traffic flow based on corresponding accesses and egresses.  
modifying one or more transportation services based on the traffic flow.